

**RI Transition Conference**  
**April 10, 2008**

**TRANSITION IN THE  
OCEAN STATE**  
*Who, What, When and How?*



**Sheraton Airport Hotel**  
**Warwick, RI**

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## Who, What, When and How?

### Who Should Attend?



Community Service Providers  
Guidance Counselors  
Parent Consultants  
Regular and Special Educators  
Rehabilitation Counselors  
School Administrators  
School Counselors  
Transition Coordinators

### CONFERENCE GOALS:



To increase awareness of transition activities



To build the capacity of schools, adult services and other systems to continue developing & improving transition services



To disseminate information on promising practices



To promote self-determination concepts in a climate with fewer resources



To promote the development & use of assistive technology

### KEYNOTE PRESENTER:

## Curtis Richards

*Director, Center for Workforce Development, Institute for Educational Leadership*

For more than two decades, Curtis Richards has worked in the public policy arena at the state and national levels. Known as an “advocat,” Richards blends his advocacy skills with his knowledge of governmental operations to address education, workforce development, disability, and health public policy issues, with a particular focus on youth and adults with disabilities.



He is currently the Director of the Center for Workforce Development at the Institute for Educational Leadership, a Washington, DC-based think tank. The Center is the home of a national technical assistance center known as the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth. He also maintains a public policy consulting firm known as The Advocat Group.

Richards, who has been visually impaired since he was a toddler, has an extensive background in postsecondary education, serving as a consultant to a California State Assembly committee on higher education from 1985 to 1991. Richards has spoken extensively on disability issues throughout the country, on a wide range of topics including education, employment, and disability policy.

# CONFERENCE SESSIONS\*

For workshop descriptions, go to [www.sherlockcenter.org](http://www.sherlockcenter.org). Click on the link for "Conferences."

**7:30 am** *Registration & Morning Refreshments*

**8:00 am** *Welcome & Opening Comments*

**8:30—9:45 am** *Session I*

*The 411 on Disability Disclosure* Curtis Richards

*Breaking Down Barriers: A Panel Discussion on Physical Disabilities in School and the Workplace* Paul Choquette, Joseph Ferreira and Kimberly Juday

*Apprenticeship Programs and Other Short-term Training Programs*

Melanie Sbardella, Ted Whittaker and Paul Autote

*Rethinking Vocational Evaluation s: Why and How They Fit in Transition Planning*

Gary Clark, Danielle Hetu

*Practical Explanation of Transition and Transition Law (Indicator 13)* John Wessels

**10:00—11:30 am** *Session II*

*Life's Transitions Start Early & Never End: Middle School and Beyond*

Lou Esposito, Eric Dauphinais and Barbara Walsh

*Ten Practical Steps to Succeeding in Transition* John Wessels

*Using the Transition Planning Inventory: An Evidence-Based Assessment for Transition Planning*  
Gary Clark

*Tunnels and Cliffs: Transition for Youth with Mental Health Needs*

Curtis Richards, Sue Lundin, Kat Grygiel and Janet Spinelli

*A Degree Program for Unique Learners* Cynthia Johnson

**11:45 am—1:15 pm** **Keynote Luncheon**

***Transition Comes of Age***

**Presented by: Curtis Richards**

**Applying Rigor, Relevance and Relationships to get RESULTS!**

Curtis Richards will engage participants in a conversational journey from what is meant by transition at 30,000 feet above ground, to in-depth, ground-level content.

Mr. Richards will inform participants about opportunities to network and engage with a growing field of new and innovative programming designed and implemented to improve

**1:30—2:30 pm** *Session III*

*Student Involvement in the IEP Process*

Alice Woods, Carole Costanza, Derek Thayer

*Transition that Works! Helping High School Students Explore Career Opportunities*

Micaela Black, Christine Lawrence, Jennifer Fiske, Charlene Borders

*WaytogoRI* Kathy Sisson

*What's Health Got To Do with It?: The RI DOH's Adolescent health Transition Program*  
Deb Golding, Alexandra Gonzalez

*Linking Transition Goals with Grade Span Expectations* Teresa Eagan

\*Schedule subject to change



# REGISTRATION

*Register by March 27*

*\$45 registration fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and all materials.*

*Space is limited; register early!*



Pre-registration is required to attend the conference. The deadline to register is **March 27**; late registrations will be accepted as space permits.

Register by mail or fax. No phone registrations will be accepted. Payment (check, money order or PO) is required at the time of registration. Faxed registrations must include a copy of a purchase order. Purchase orders obligate registrants for payment. *Registration forms received without payment or a purchase order will not be processed until received.*

## **Accommodation Requests**

To request a reasonable accommodation (interpreters, materials in alternate format, assistive equipment, etc.), indicate the request on the registration form or call the Sherlock Center at 401-456-8072. Request must be made by **March 27**.

*ASL Interpreters have been reserved in advance. Reservations for these services will be released if no requests are made by the registration deadline.*

## **Confirmation**

Written confirmation and directions will be provided by April 3. Individuals registering after the registration deadline should call the Sherlock Center at (401) 456-8072 (v) or (401) 456-8773 (TDD) for a verbal confirmation.

## **Refunds**

The Sherlock Center will be glad to refund your registration fee in full if you cancel on or before March 27. After March 27, no fees will be refunded; however, the registration is transferable (call to provide substitute's name).

## **Professional Development Credit**

Conference participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

The conference is approved for CRC credits and RIDE professional development units (PDUs). Documentation of contact hours will be distributed at the close of the conference.

## **Directions**

**Sheraton Airport Hotel,  
1850 Post Road, Warwick RI**

From I-95 S, take exit 14B-A take ramp right for SR-37 E toward Warwick. At exit 5A, take ramp right and follow signs for Post Road / US-1S. Bear right onto US-1 / Post Road.

From I-95 N, take Exit 13 toward US-1/T.F. Green Airport. Merge onto Airport Connector Road East. Take the Post Road / US-1 ramp. Turn left onto US-1 / Post Road.

Parking is available at the Sheraton. Overflow parking is available at the Comfort Inn, one block from the hotel.

## **Cancellation**

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation or delays are announced on radio stations WPRO (630 AM and 92.3 FM), WSNE (93.3 FM), WXIN (580 AM), and Lite (105 FM).

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**Conference Registration Form**

**Registration Fee: \$45**

**Deadline: March 27, 2008**

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasonable Accommodation Request:**

Indicate accommodation request(s) below, or call the Sherlock Center at (401) 456-8072 (v) or (401) 456-8773 (TDD). Requests made after **March 27** may not be filled.

\_\_\_\_ Materials in alternate format:

\_\_\_\_ Large print \_\_\_\_ Disk \_\_\_\_ Audio Tape \_\_\_\_ Braille

\_\_\_\_ Assisted Listening Device

\_\_\_\_ Interpreter\*: \_\_\_\_ ASL \_\_\_\_ CART

\_\_\_\_ Other request, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\*ASL Interpreters and Cart Reporters have been reserved in advance. Reservations for these services will be released if no requests are made by the registration deadline of **March 27**.

**Luncheon:** A plated sandwich lunch will be served. Please indicate your sandwich preference. Dietary restrictions will be accommodated; indicate your needs below.

\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_ Roasted Vegetable

\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Enclosed:**

\_\_\_\_ Check/money order Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(accepted in person only, do not send cash by mail)

\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order (enclose copy) Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ send invoice to receive payment

\_\_\_\_ do not invoice, check will be sent automatically

Please make checks payable to: **Sherlock Center/Rhode Island College**  
**Rhode Island College Federal ID#: 05-6016315**

**Registration by mail:** Sherlock Center/Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence RI 02908-1991

**Registration by Fax:**

Fax registration form and Purchase Order to: (401) 456-8150

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